

December 3, 2019

Representative Nino Vitale, Chair  
Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
The Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Vitale,

My name is Greg Swartzmiller and I am a rural resident in Seneca County, Ohio. I write today to express opposition to House Bill 401.

When my grandfather bought property here in Seneca County many generations ago, he never would have thought that eventually Ohio may decide to allow the township to decide how he can and cannot use his land. House Bill 401 would completely take away property rights from my family; I don't feel that the government should be entitled to tell me what I can or cannot do on the property that is in my name and is legally mine.

I currently do not know if we will be receiving a turbine on any of our property, but I feel that this is a great opportunity for everyone. The wind projects will allow for us to receive income (which this year especially would help, due to the rain we have received), the roads would receive improvements, the schools would receive funding, and the amount of jobs that would be brought to our area would increase. I sincerely hope the people voting on this bill consider the opinions of the long-time property owners.

Respectfully,

Greg Swartzmiller

cc: Members of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Representative Bill Reineke